

# Historical Symbols & Celebrations

## Enduring Understanding

Citizens honor their history with symbols and celebrations.

## Essential Questions

Why is learning the rules of etiquette for the American flag important?

What is the purpose in celebrating national holidays?

Why do states have symbols?

What Arkansans have made historical contributions?

## Students will be able to:

C.5.2.1 — Understand the significance of national symbols (e.g. National Anthem, Liberty Bell, Pledge of Allegiance, American Flag, Statue of Liberty, United States Constitution)

C.5.2.4 — Identify rules of etiquette for the American flag

H.6.2.1 — Explain the purpose in celebrating national holidays:

- *Labor Day*                      • *Veterans Day*                      • *Thanksgiving*
- *Columbus Day*                • *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
- *Presidents' Day*            • *Independence Day*            • *Constitution Day*

H.6.2.2 — Identify state symbols of Arkansas:

- *gem*                      • *mineral*                      • *rock*                      • *mammal*                      • *anthem*

H.6.2.3 — Discuss historical people of Arkansas (e.g. Bill Clinton, Daisy Bates, Sequoyah)

## Materials Needed/Attachments

- *art supplies*

Attachment 1: *Symbols of Arkansas*

Attachment 2: *The State Anthem: "Arkansas"*

## Vocabulary

*etiquette*

*symbol*

*contribution*

## Teaching Strategies

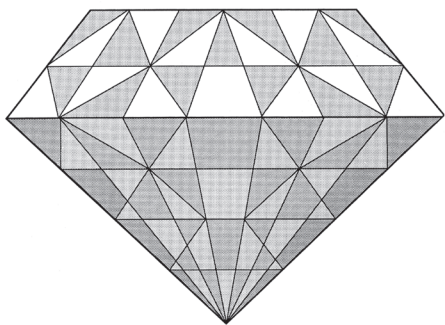
1. Review “What is a symbol?” Examine the symbol of the American flag. Brainstorm rules of etiquette for the American flag (display, treatment, salute, disposal).
2. Invite a guest speaker to demonstrate the rules of etiquette (Woodmen of the World, veteran, government official).
3. Discuss the purpose in celebrating the following national holidays:
  - *Labor Day*
  - *Veterans Day*
  - *Thanksgiving*
  - *Columbus Day*
  - *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
  - *Presidents’ Day*
  - *Independence Day*
  - *Constitution Day*
4. Students will make a calendar depicting national holidays with symbols they have created. (e.g. Liberty Bell for Independence Day, flag for Veterans Day, Constitution for Constitution Day)
5. Review previous state symbols and identify the state gem, mineral, rock, mammal, and anthem. (Could be coordinated with a science lesson.) Create a booklet of state symbols. ([\*Attachment 1\*](#)) Optional: Include new state symbols, grain – rice and butterfly – Diana Fritillary. Research other symbols that may be newly legislated.
6. Collaborate with the music teacher to learn the Arkansas anthem, *Arkansas* by Eva Ware Barnett. ([\*Attachment 2\*](#))
7. Interview parents on who they consider to be the most important people in Arkansas history either living or deceased. Chart the findings. Discuss the contributions of these people.

## Assessments/Rubrics

Teacher-created scoring guide for the holiday calendar

Teacher-created scoring guide for the symbols booklet

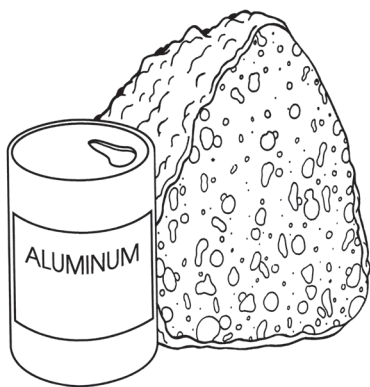
# Symbols of Arkansas



The state gem is: \_\_\_\_\_



The state mineral is: \_\_\_\_\_



The state rock is: \_\_\_\_\_



The state mammal is: \_\_\_\_\_

# The State Anthem

## Arkansas

By Eva Ware Barnett

I am thinking tonight of the Southland,  
Of the home of my childhood days,  
Where I roamed through the woods and the meadows  
By the mill and the brook that plays;  
Where the roses are in bloom  
And the sweet magnolia, too,  
Where the jasmine is white  
And the fields are violet blue,  
There a welcome awaits all her children  
Who have wandered afar from home.

### CHORUS

Arkansas, Arkansas, 'tis a name dear,  
'Tis the place I call "home, sweet home";  
Arkansas, Arkansas, I salute thee,  
From thy shelter no more I'll roam.

'Tis a land full of joy and of sunshine,  
Rich in pearls and in diamonds rare,  
Full of hope, faith and love for the stranger,  
Who may pass 'neath her portals fair;  
There the rice fields are full,  
And the cotton, corn and hay,  
There the fruits of the field,  
Bloom in winter months and May,  
'Tis the land that I love, first of all, dear,  
And to her let us all give cheer.

### REPEAT CHORUS

*Adopted by the 1987 General Assembly  
as the Official State Anthem*

